



UPPER KENNET NEWS

April 2023

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Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 64 Jo Snape
£75 Number 82 Sarah Brown
£50 Number 78 Carol Waite

(Some winners prefer that their names are not published, in which case we just state the winning number)

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Another way to support our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett

Notice Board

Burial of Ashes

Gloria June Lowe Broad Hinton 15 March
Andreas Hafner Avebury 16 March

Funerals

Evelyn Blake Avebury 7 March

100 Club

Draw Results for February

1st	£48.00	26	David Taylor
2nd	£36.00	95	Barry Jago
3rd	£24.00	14	Jill Durnford
4th	£12.00	22	Sandra Elliott

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring **Richard Nutt** on 01672 539611 or email richard@184systems.com

Your way to help support the churches of Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett
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"A brief respite from everyday pressures – a time of peace, calm and silent reflection."

MEDITATION (TAIZÉ) Service

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from **6.30 to 6.55pm**: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing and some words of wisdom.

Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 5th April, Wednesday 19th April
& Wednesday 10th May.

A View from the Rectory



I took these photos using a 1200mm lens, in a gale, on a bright February morning, on the sands opposite the Seal Colony at Newburgh, Aberdeenshire. This secluded headland is home to 3000+ seals. However, you never know whether they will be there or away in the depths of the oceans. You may see them, hear haunting, melodic songs carried on the wind one day - then nothing, not even a bobbing, Labrador-like head peering at you with unabashed curiosity the next. Grief and loss hit every one of us in some form or another and I know there are many, like me, who are feeling keenly the loss of someone from our Benefice, our lives, our families. As I stood there on that shore it reminded me of what it feels like to face the death of someone loved. I think it feels like peering across those waters, hopeful of spotting the throng, the multitude we know are there. Knowing the solidity of the promise of a new beginning, the hope of that new world that lies beyond death, yet unable to walk that land or go where they go, see what they see - yet. And it struck me that the shore itself remains, *that* solid ground. I rested my feet firmly on *this* shore, propped the huge lens on the top of a lump of WW2 concrete barrier, (forgot my tripod!) and looked across the expanse. The seal pup seemed close enough to touch and yet I was so far removed I might as well have been in Australia. And the shore beyond? I see it somehow as the solid ground of God, who is Love, and we can trust our loved ones rest upon it. They see as St Paul writes

1 Corinthians 2:9, but as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
...nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him."

So on the days you go seeking God, your loved ones and answers, remember the seals and hold fast to hope - for beyond the beach is a 'shore upon which every one of us will stand', where there is 'only Love'.

West Overton Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who attended or helped at the coffee morning on 11th March and to those who baked for it or provided home produce.

We raised nearly £300 which will go towards keeping

West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett Churches open.

Paid Work at Mustard Seed Coffee Shop

We are looking for someone to run the coffee shop for 2 or 3 Saturdays per month, from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Level 2 Health and Hygiene certificate required (Mustard Seed will pay for the on-line course). For further details please contact Claudia on 01672 511611 or e-mail mustardseedmarlborough@yahoo.co.uk.

UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'RNE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERB'RNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
2 April Palm Sunday	10 am - BROAD HINTON - PALM SUNDAY BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE (preceded by 9.30 procession from the Village Hall or from lych gate if heavy rain) 4 pm - WEST OVERTON - PALM SUNDAY SONGS OF PRAISE						
Wednesday 5 April			6.30 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			
6 April Maundy Thursday	7 pm - HOLY COMMUNION & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR SERVICE – AVEBURY						
7 April Good Friday	10 AM - 12 NOON: WINTERBOURNE BASSETT – MUSIC FOR REFLECTION 2 PM - 3.00 PM: AVEBURY - WALK OF WITNESS 4 PM - BROAD HINTON: HOT CROSS BUN SERVICE FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES 6 PM: BROAD HINTON - EVENING SERVICE 6 PM: EAST KENNETT - COMPLINE						
9 April Easter Day	8.30 am Prayer Book Communion	10 am Holy Communion		6.30 am Dawn Service West Kennett Long Barrow	10 am Holy Communion	11 am Holy Communion	9.45 am Sung Eucharist
Wednesday 12 April				10.30 am Celtic Communion			
16 April Easter 2			8.30 am Prayer Book Communion		10 am Benefice Communion Service		10 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 19 April			6.30 pm Meditation Service (Taizé)	10.30 am Celtic Communion			
23 April Easter 3		10 am Benefice Communion Service					
Wednesday 26 April				10.30 am Celtic Communion			
30 April Easter 4			5 pm Evening Prayer			10 am Benefice Communion Service	

Readings

2 April – Red Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a
Philippians 2.5-11
Matthew 26.14-end of 27 or
Matthew 27.11-54

9 April – Gold or White Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43
Matthew 28.1-10

16 April – White 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a,22-32
John 20.19-end
23 April – White
3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a,36-41
Luke 24.13-35

30 April – White 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42-end
John 10.1-10

Morning Prayer 8.30-9am daily

Join us by zoom for half an hour to start the day in an atmosphere of quiet prayer and reflection with others, from the comfort of your own armchair. We are a small group who value this wonderful opportunity to gather ourselves for the day, to focus on what lies ahead and to enjoy silence together.

For more details, the service sheet and the zoom link, contact:

Rev'd Maria Shepherdson:
01672 539643 or revmariashepherdson@outlook.com



Upper Kennet Churches St Michael and All Angels, West Overton



PALM SUNDAY

ALL AGE

SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 2nd April

4pm

Favourite hymns

Short readings

ALL welcome

Refreshments for children and adults

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



**Pony Rides, Tea and Cakes
in aid of the Fyfield
Church Restoration Project**

**Date: Monday 29 May
(Bank Holiday)**

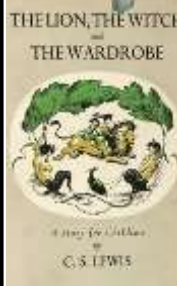
Time: 2 - 4 pm

**Venue: Anstice's Field,
Lower Fyfield**

**Look forward to seeing
you there!**

**Upper Kennet Churches
Lent 2023**

Lent Book and Movie Night (with treats!)



'The hope of things to come' - making sense of the resurrection through the eyes of CS Lewis. A chance to read (or re-read) a childhood favourite then gather to watch the movie and discuss in a small group session in a warm comfortable home. Refreshments provided. Ages 10 up - **children to be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

**7.30 pm, Monday 3rd April
Venue: The Rectory, Avebury
For information contact**

revmariashepherdson@outlook.com

'Behold, The Man' - Wednesdays @2.30pm



Explore in 3 sessions the background and context to the crucifixion of Jesus including the legacy of Herod, the Roman occupation and why his message was so radical it led to death.

**April 5th, 'Claremont', Rabson Richardson,
Winterbourne Bassett**

The last session to include The Lord's Supper

- all welcome

For info contact Rev'd Maria or Claire Stiles

**For information and to book your lunch
contact Sibella Laing - 07890 085029**



**Upper Kennet Churches
Holy Week
and Easter Services**



2 April - Palm Sunday

- 10 am** Broad Hinton Church - Palm Sunday Communion Service. Procession from the Village Hall to assemble at 9.30 am (at the Hall) and process at 9.40 am. If heavy rain, then from the lych gate.
- 4 pm** West Overton - Palm Sunday Songs of Praise

6 April - Maundy Thursday

- 7 pm** Avebury - Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar Service

7 April - Good Friday

- 10 am - 12 noon** Winterbourne Bassett - Music for Reflection
- 2 pm - 3 pm** Avebury - Walk of Witness
- 4 pm** Broad Hinton - Hot Cross Bun Service for Children & Families
- 6 pm** Broad Hinton - Evening Service
- 6 pm** East Kennett - Sung Compline

9 April - Easter Day

- 6.30 am** Avebury - Easter Day Dawn Service at base of **West Kennett Longbarrow**
- 8.30 am** Fyfield - Easter Day Service (Prayer Book Communion)
- 9.45 am** Broad Hinton - Easter Day Service (Sung Eucharist)
- 10 am** West Overton - Easter Day Service (Holy Communion)



**Social Centre
Avebury**



**Soup Lunch
(homemade soups, bread & cheese)
(+ a piece of cake!)
(and a chance to meet and chat)
+ Monday 3rd April+
12 noon — 2.00pm [£1 - or a
donation]**

There will be no Warm Wednesday this month but
The Social Centre will stay open on Mon 3rd
until 4.30pm for tea, coffee, biscuits & chat.
Stay after lunch or come along when you want.

***Looking forward to seeing you and
others from Avebury & villages nearby.***

**This will be the last Soup Lunch until the
Autumn, but there are likely to be lunches in
the Church on Monday 1st May (Mayday)**

Rose Lucy Allen

Rose Lucy Allen died peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday 15th September. Her ashes will be laid to rest next to her husband (Bob) in the garden of their home, The Old Bakehouse, HighStreet, Avebury. Rose's favourite flowers, sweetpeas, will mark their final resting place.

Fiona Allen

RE-ORGANISATION OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS WITHIN THE UPPER KENNET BENEFICE

A Working Group (involving a member from each parish) was set up to look at the merit of merging our current 5 PCCs within the Upper Kennet Benefice into one PCC. After 4 years of work they recommended that this should go ahead. Individual PCCs were given the opportunity to vote on this recommendation and all 5 agreed that this proposal should go forward to the next stage. This next stage involved consultation with the clergy, PCC secretaries, patrons, Rural Dean, Lay Chair and Archdeacon. No

objections on liturgical grounds were submitted. The Bishop of Salisbury agreed that this proposal should be put forward and the Church Commissioners have initiated a round of formal consultation, which is open to the public, to run for 6 weeks. To this end there will be 2 meetings, open to all, where the Working Group will outline the proposal: **Mon 17 April at 7.30-8.30pm at Winterbourne Monkton Community Hall and Sunday 23 April 3.30-4.30pm at West Overton church.**

Should agreement be given to merge into one PCC there will be no difference to church services and pastoral support throughout the benefice and individual church funds will be ring fenced.

If you wish to know more, please come to one of the meetings. Any objections to the formation of a single PCC will need to be addressed to the Church Commissioners and details of their address etc will be available at the meeting.

AVEBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEW CLERK

Emma Watson joined us for her first meeting as our new clerk this month. She can be contacted on clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org with any issues for the Parish Council

VACANCY

We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election or co-option.

Avebury has a number of distinct communities and ideally they would all be represented on the Parish Council so we would particularly welcome applications from residents of Avebury Trusloe, Rawlins Park or West Kennet but all parishioners are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible to apply to be a local councillor you must be:

- a UK or Commonwealth citizen (which includes a British subject) or be a citizen of the European Union.

- at least 18 years old.

- an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months occupied land or other premises in the area the local council serves (as owner or tenant); or work in the area local council serves (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local

council boundary.

Further information about being a councillor can be found on the NALC website <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-elections>

For an application form and further details please contact

clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.org

Defibrillator scheme: A fourth defibrillator has been installed at Galteemore Farm, Beckhampton. APC would like to thank all local residents who contributed towards the fund to obtain it, Avebury Community Shop for the balance of the funding and Rob Hues for arranging its installation and a donation towards the cost of that.

We are hoping to be able to install another machine in Rawlins Park and are in contact with the owners about this.

Avebury Chapel: The lease has now been signed and we are hoping that the chapel will be open in the spring for visitors to view the exhibition there titled 'The Living Landscape' featuring displays from local conservation, walking and history groups. There several talks on local points of interest are being arranged.

Policies: we are in the process of reviewing a number of policies that APC has and will be highlighting them over the next few months.

Local Issues:

Get it fixed the quickest way to get an issue fixed is to use the MyWilts app or

the website to report potholes, flytipping, graffiti and other issues. Go to <https://my.wiltshire.gov.uk/> or download the App from your phone's App store.

Planning We supported the application by the National Trust to reinstate the porch on the Manor and to improve the drainage pipes on the building

Great British Spring Clean there will be a community litter pick on Saturday 25th March, meet in the High Street car park at

Coronation of King Charles III The National Trust had offered the part of the Manor garden known as the Church garden (the walled section where there are often outdoor games sets and loungers in the summer) to the community to hold a celebratory lunch on Sunday 7th May. The area will be closed off to the general public and residents can bring their own picnics to enjoy. More information will be circulated in due course

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN APRIL.

This is due to a number of councillors being unable to attend and there not being a quorum. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd May, 2023 at 7.30 in the Social Centre.

Maggie Lewis, Co-Chairman,
Avebury Parish Council

NEWS FROM THE TOWER

Spring is nearly here and ringers are returning to their towers in droves. On the 28th February, there were 12 ringers for practice at Avebury. Having 8 bells meant that only 4 ringers had to sit out for each ring. 7 ringers rang for the Benefice Communion and Commissioning service on 12th March. The service was to license Lay Readers, e.g. Alison Andre was licensed as a Lay Chaplain, by the Archdeacon.

Most people don't think about what goes on inside the church tower. After climbing up the stone stairs to the first floor there is the ringing room. Next comes the clock room. Brian winds the clock by hand every week. The third room houses the 8 bells plus the old tenor bell which is hung 'dead'. It is connected to the clock and strikes on the hour. The final door leads to the roof. Brian Vickers reported that the condition of the door leading out to the tower roof had deteriorated to the point where it had to be propped shut for the past few months. Opening and shutting it became quite a

hazardous job at the top of the medieval spiral stairs. Brian is also the main flag flyer, which means going on to the roof. On behalf of all users, he would like to thank Simon Jones and Pete Wilkinson for an excellent renovation job involving the fitting of new hinges, a proper bolt to shut it and strong wire mesh to stop the birds getting in and nesting in the tower. The next Branch Meeting will be at Royal Wootton Bassett on 15th April.

Mary Davidge

WHITE HORSE OPERA

RUDDIGORE



*The Witch's
Curse
by
Gilbert &
Sullivan*

THE SOCIAL CENTRE AVEBURY HIGH ST

FRI 12th May 7.30pm

Tickets £10 from Avebury Community
Shop, Devizes Books &

www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1104308

Surreal comedy meets spooky chiller in this Gilbert and Sullivan operetta

performed by White Horse Opera,
Wiltshire's Opera Company. An evening
of terrific music, social satire, comedy,
pathos and people singing faster than
you'd think possible.

- A baronet is doomed to commit a crime
everyday or die. In trying to escape his
fate he encounters dancing sailors, a
bunch of frustrated bridesmaids and a
chorus of ghosts.

- **Prepare to have a laugh, to have your
spine tingled and to enjoy the glorious
music and song.**

Tickets from Avebury Shop: cash or cheque only

MONKTON LENT LUNCH EXCELLENT RESULT

The Monkton Lent Lunch held in
the new Winterbourne Monkton
Community Hall in early March was
a most enjoyable event. People
from across the Benefice and
beyond came to enjoy a wonderful
selection of home made soups,
explore the new hall and have a
good catch up with friends. A
substantial grant for goods from the
Avebury Community Shop and the
donations of soup and other items
meant that in the end £400+ was raised by generous donations – half of which
will go to buy much needed Bibles for the Morobo Diocese of S Sudan (as part
of Marlborough Deanery Lent project). The other half will go towards
installing an amplification system in the church to improve sound quality (any
further donations for this system would be much appreciated as costs are in the
region of £2,500).



Thank you to the soup makers, helpers and donors of goods and money which
made it such a worthwhile event.

MONKTON CHURCH CELEBRATES THE CORONATION WITH FLOWERS

On Saturday 6 May 2023 Winterbourne Monkton Church will host a Floral
Tribute for King Charles III. The church will be open from 2- 5pm, there will
be no entry charge but any donations would be much appreciated. Meanwhile
teas will be served 2-5pm (cream teas, cakes etc) in the Winterbourne
Monkton Community Hall, adjacent to the church, where there is ample
parking and easy disabled access. It is planned to run a bric a brac stall to help
cover costs of the event. Pop it in your diary now and come along on the day!

THE REVEREND BRIAN TIGWELL

The Rev'd Brian Tigwell died
peacefully in his sleep during the
night of Saturday 4th March.

Brian is very fondly remembered
as the vicar responsible, with
Rev'd Graham Force Jones, for
the seven churches in what is now

known as the Upper Kennet
Benefice, from 1980 to 1985.

He lived in the then new vicarage
in Broad Hinton, now Churchside,
with his wife Mary and their
children Patrick and Francis.
His funeral took place at St John's
Church Devizes on 21st March.
We send the family our sincere
condolences.

Small flat required

Andrew Simpson is looking for a
new home. Preferably within walking
distance of the East Kennett Downs or
something similar. SN8 4EY suits him
well.

"I am 86 years old, quite active and
rather reclusive" he says. "I have a
heart condition which responds

extremely well to six pills a day. I want
a tiny flat including a kitchen and
bathroom, with internet access and a
landline phone. Also a modest parking
space."

"I am financially sound, but the price
of electricity may force me to go back
to work. I used to edit texts for BBC
Radio and must have mucked out

several thousand horses in my time.
Anything considered."

"A years tenancy or thereabouts
would suit, with the arrangement for
my obsequies included in the
contract, to keep things cheerful."

Please phone 01672 880120

Andrew Simpson

The Flat, Fox Twicken
East Kennett. SN8 4EY



Bird Rescue Beckhampton

Any Bird that cannot fly could be at risk of being eaten by a Fox or
Bird of Prey. A single scratch or bite from a cat and a bird could
die from infection in less than a week. If you have a bird in your
garden that cannot fly Please Call or message Jeff on

07803 121244

Evelyn Blake

The family of the late Evelyn
Blake would like to say thank you
for all the lovely cards, flowers
and messages that they have
received since the passing of their
beloved mother and sister.

**Drop in to meet
your East Wiltshire
parliamentary candidate**

PETE FORCE-JONES

@ Avebury Sport and Social Club
SN8 1RD

Saturday 15th April
any time 10:30 - 13:30

Raise issues!

Get YOUR
voice heard!

Ask questions!

Pete Force-Jones
Parliamentary Candidate for East Wiltshire
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AVEBURY & DISTRICT WI

Meeting report – February 2023

Our meeting this month was a trip back to childhood, the seaside and in time, as Alix Booth brought Punch & Judy to perform a show about the history of Mr. Punch and his antics.

Punch dates back to the Georgian era and appears under different names all over Europe, with roots in the Commedia dell'Arte. The original shows were very much aimed at adults, shows for children becoming popular in Victorian times and the version we see today is very much toned down. Mr. Punch would originally have been fighting the Devil and shows were a little like episodes of 'Midsomer Murders' with anyone Punch disagreed with or who tried to stop him being bashed about and killed! Various figures have come and gone in the shows – the servant, the doctor, the clown, Pretty Poll (who was Mr. Punch's girlfriend - not sure what Judy made of that!) – and some staying such as the little dog and the crocodile. Current political figures have always been included – Samuel Pepys wrote about Punch and introduced our show, Queen Victoria made an appearance in our show as did a certain Scottish politician! At the end of the show a hat would normally have been passed amongst the audience to reward the performer but sadly many of the remaining shows are closing as so many people will watch but not contribute. Alix had a wonderful array of handmade puppets and gave us a very entertaining afternoon.

Birthday meeting – March 2023

Our birthday meeting is usually an opportunity to have a more social meeting but as there was a talk on at the Chapel we decided to make the best of both worlds and offer the opportunity to members to attend the talk and start the meeting later. Half a dozen or so members took up the offer and enjoyed most of Nick Baxter's talk before joining the others in the Social Centre to enjoy a delicious spread and a glass of prosecco.

Our next meetings are:

13th April at 7.30 – our AGM followed by a talk from Nick Baxter called 'From the Slave Trade to Parliament, James Townsend, Lord Mayor of London'

11th May – Resolutions followed by a Fish and Chip supper

8th June at 2p.m. – Garden visit to Salthrop House

13th July – outing to Whitchurch Silk Mill

Our lunch and Theatre Clubs have had a successful start with members enjoying lunches at the Red Lion and La Strada and 'Ladies Day' and 'Ode to Joyce' at the Wharf Theatre. Further lunches and theatre trips have been arranged. If anyone would like to join us for lunch, then please do contact me, we are always happy to welcome potential new members.

For further information please email Maggie Lewis, President, maggielewis56@gmail.com

THE NEW INN

WINTERBOURNE MONKTON  01672 539793

Supper Club is back! **THURSDAY 23RD - SEAFOOD**

Join us for a fabulous evening with a menu by our guest chef. You can join a large table and meet new people or have your own table - the choice is yours.

Help us celebrate World Book Day **Thursday 2nd March**

Dress as your favourite book character and enjoy a social evening with nibbles and a themed cocktail - £7.50 per person - prize for the best dressed.

OPENING HOURS

Thursday & Friday
5pm - 9pm
Saturday Breakfast
8am - 11am
Saturday Dinner
5pm - 9pm
Sunday
12pm - 9pm

MARCH DATES

Celebrate World Book Day - Thursday 2nd - 7pm
Live Music - Friday 3rd
8pm - Dan Graham
Quiz Night - Friday 10th - 7pm
£2pp - All proceeds to St Mary Magdalene Church
Supper Club - Thursday 23rd
7pm - Seafood Theme
Booking & pre-payment is essential.
Traditional Roast
Sunday 26th - 12pm - 3pm
Reservations are recommended.

Parish Councillor Vacancy Join Kennet Valley Parish Council



Do you want to make a difference in your local community?
Would you like to offer your skills and experience?
Are you passionate about your local area?

To find out more please see our website

<https://kvparishcouncil.org.uk/parish-council/becoming-a-councillor/>

Or contact

Sophie Roberts, Parish Clerk clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

SATURDAY JULY 1ST

SUMMER PARTY

DJ Auction

**Hog Roast
Vegetarian Option
Salads
Delicious puds**

**FROM 7.30PM AT
THE BARN RABSON MANOR SN4 9QF**

Tickets £20 pp

Alison Windel 07715 107679 Maggie McCaffrey 07730 577486 Leslie Catling 07778 553703

AVEBURY SOCIAL CENTRE

Those of you who use the Centre regularly will be aware that the ceiling damaged by water egress still has not been repaired. However, the roofer has been on site and has endeavoured to identify the problem, which has not been immediately obvious. A temporary repair has been done, and the rafters under the roof will now be monitored to confirm that they dry out and the proper solution has been found, which will take

some weeks. Hopefully, if the problem has been properly identified, then a more permanent, but costly repair will have to be undertaken, before the indoor repair work can be undertaken. We appreciate the forbearance of our hirers! Our 50th celebrations have been delayed until the Autumn due to number of things happening in the next two to three months – not least the Coronation!

Fortunately, two events to look forward to

are on Thursday 20th April **The Birds in Your Garden** by Robin Nelson; tickets £2 at Avebury Shop or 01672 539253. Friday 12th May at 7.30pm **Ruddigore** by Gilbert & Sullivan performed by White Horse Opera; tickets £10.00 from Avebury Community Shop, Devizes Books or www.ticketsource.co.uk Our next Committee Meeting April 24th at 7.30 pm in the Social Centre. Judith Farthing Secretary

Put the flags out....!

Kennet Valley Parish Council invite you to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.



Decorate the front of your properties, with flags, bunting, banners or even scarecrows of the King!

Let's make our villages look wonderful during the Bank Holiday weekend. There will be a cup for the winner of the best dressed property.

Whether it's a front garden, a door, window, gate or garage, let your imagination go wild.

Have it up and ready from the 5th May so we can enjoy the party feel all weekend long.



The Friends of Savernake Hospital & the Community ARE LOOKING FOR MORE TRUSTEES

(Approximately 12 hours of your time - a year)

So just what do the Friends do?

- We issue grants for health-related causes in Marlborough and the surrounding villages (not just at the hospital). Some of our most recent awards have been made to the Brighter Futures Appeal; a number of local surgeries; GWH Radiography Department; the Jubilee Centre and St. Mary's School.
- Our co-ordinator and team of volunteers run a shop & ward trolley service for the patients, staff & visitors at Savernake Hospital.

We would love to hear from you if you would be interested in becoming a Trustee to help us spread the word that grants are available and consider applications. There are just 4 meetings a year (plus an AGM).

To find out more, please do get in touch with us

c/o info@friendsofsavernake.org, or call our Chairman, Janet Louth on 01672 513868.

Registered Charity 262732 - www.friendsofsavernake.org

KENNET VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.kvparishcouncil.org.uk

clerk@kvparishcouncil.org.uk

Tel: 07897 797208

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING The Parish Council has arranged for a free training session on basic first aid and the use of defibrillators for local residents to be provided by the South West Ambulance NHS Trust to be held from:

10 – 11.30 am

Sunday 11th June 2023

at Kennet Valley Hall

Up to 40 places are available and local residents from Fyfield, Lockeridge and West Overton are invited to attend. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please contact jill.turner@kvparishcouncil.org.uk to book your place.

NEW COUNCILLORS There are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council, two for the Fyfield Ward and one for either West Overton or Lockeridge. This is a great opportunity to support your local community. The Council meets bi-monthly on a Monday evening in the Kennet Valley Hall.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 24th April at 6.30pm in the Kennet Valley Hall. This year we will be hearing all about the U3A and will be hosting a food collection for the Devizes Foodbank.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a food donation there will be a box available by the font at the back of the West Overton Church, this will be available until the following Monday.

Please make sure all items are in date. The items they are short of at the moment are: instant mash potato, dried skimmed milk, long life juice, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned tomatoes, soap, shower gel and toilet rolls. They do NOT currently require pasta, baked beans or soup.

CORONATION The Coronation weekend will soon be upon us – the Parish Council are inviting you to help celebrate by decorating the front of your properties in any way you like with a prize being awarded for the best dressed property.

The Big Coronation Picnic is on Sunday 7th May. As with the Jubilee it is envisaged groups will get together with their neighbours and fellow villagers to celebrate this momentous occasion.

At 12 noon on Sunday 7th May there will be a short Blessing and Dedication for the tree planted on the Dene in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The cricket team are playing at the Kennet Valley Hall on Sunday at 2pm, please do feel free to go along and support them.

NEXT MEETING The date of the next full Parish Council meeting is the Annual Meeting on **Monday 15th May at 6.30pm** in the Kennet Valley Hall. As always members of the public are most welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

More Lottery Support for the Kennet Valley Hall Green Energy Project

Having supported the Hall Committee's major Ventilation Project in 2021, National Lottery Funding will now provide a further grant of £10000 to support the Hall's current plan to install a Solar Energy System.

The first part of the Hall Committee's efforts to create a sustainable energy policy was to incorporate an Air Source Heat Pump within the 2021 Heat Recovery Ventilation System. A new initiative is now underway to develop a Solar Energy System incorporating the use of storage batteries which can be charged from both solar and cheaper overnight electricity.

It is anticipated that the two initiatives combined will help the Hall Committee in their efforts to maintain current letting rates despite the current trend for higher prices.



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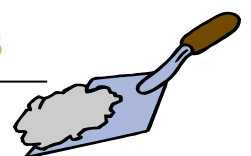
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